

REMARKS

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 6, 2007, claims 2, 3, 10, 12, 21, 23 and 27 are amended and claims 1 and 26 are canceled. No new claims are added. No new matter has been added. Claims 2-25 and 27 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that claims 2-25 and 27 are allowable. Claims 1 and 26 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Laender ("An Interactive Database End User Facility for the Definition and Manipulation of Forms"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The cited reference is undated. Therefore, the Office Action has failed to establish the cited reference as prior art. In any event, to expedite prosecution, claims 1 and 26 have been canceled. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0463.

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